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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE MUSLIM PROBLEM: GOI TO SERMR AS INTER-MEDIARY BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES

REF : KUALA LUMPUR 1841

1. DURING APRIL 30 MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK TOLD CHARGE THERE ARE REASONS TO BE OPTIMISTIC SOMETHING WILL BE WORKED OUT SOON BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA RE TROUBLES CAUSED BY PHILIPPINE MUSLIM PROBLEM.

2. HE SAID WHOLE MATTER HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY AIRED AT RECENT ASEAN MEETING IN PATTAYA. ( MALIK COMMENTED IT FINALLY RECOGNIZED OPENLY AT PATTAYA THAT ASEAN CAN AND SHOULD BE FORUM FOR DISCUSSING POLITICAL ISSUES.)

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MALIK SAID SUGGESTION WAS MADE DURING PATTAYA DISCUSSIONS THAT GOI ACT AS INTERMEDIARY IN HELPING MALAYSIANS AND FILIPINOS WORK OUT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD REMOVE THIS THORNY PROBLEM FROM ASEAN SIDE.

3. STRESSING SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFO, MALIK SAID HE ACCEPTED INTERMEDIARY ROLE " IN SPIRIT OF ASEAN" AND HAS ARRANGED FOR PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL ( UNNAMED) FILIPINO AND MALAYSIAN ENVOYS IN JAKARTA ON MAY 7.

4. MALIK SAID PURPOSE OF MEETING WILL BE TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT WITH TWO PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS: ( A) ACTION BY MARCOS, WHO HAS NECESSARY AUTHORITY WHILE MARTIAL LAW IN EFFECT, TO DELETE FROM PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION THAT SECTION WHICH HAS BOTHERED MALAYSIA SINCE IT IMPLIES CONTINUING PHILIPPINE CLAIM TO SABAH; IN RETURN FOR ( B) GUARANTEE FROM RAZAK THAT ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY OR FROM GOVERNMENT OF SABAH. ASKED IF HE HOPEFUL AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT SOON, MALIK SAID HE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED ASSIGNMENT UNLESS HE WAS CONFIDENT BOTH SIDES WOULD AGREE TO ABOVE TWO ELEMENTS.

5. MALIK SAID HE WANTED USG TO NOW CONFIDENTIALLY THAT ONCE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT IN JAKARTA, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN MARCOS AND RAZAK TO MAKE AGREEMENT FINAL ( AND PRESUMABLY PUBLIC, THOUGH MALIK DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO).  
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